Scott Goetzinger, 55

Scott Goetzinger, 55, of Grinnell, died on Friday, July 29, 2016, at home with his family by his side. A celebration of his life was Monday, August 1, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Mike Sereg officiating. A private family internment was held at Rock Creek Cemetery west of Grinnell. Memorials may be designated to the Scott R. Goetzinger Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations. Memories and condolences may be shared with Scott's family at www.smithfhs.com.

Scott Ronald Goetzinger was born the son of Ronald and Carol (Bennigsdorf) Goetzinger on March 10, 1961, in Harlan, Iowa. He was raised in Shelby, Iowa, and graduated from Shelby-Tennant High School in 1979. Shortly thereafter, he completed training at the Oklahoma City Horseshoeing School.

Scott was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Connie Ann Davis, on June 23, 1979, in Avoca. The couple was blessed with a son, Waylon, on December 8, 1979. They moved to Grinnell in 1986 and operated the Four Winds Motel together for over 30 years.

Scott was a simple man who dearly loved his family, especially his granddaughter, Rieslynn. He was a longtime member of the American Quarter Horse Association. His enjoyments included attending his granddaughter's sports and school activities, working with horses, and spending time with family.

Scott is survived by his wife of 37 years, Connie Goetzinger; Grinnell; son, Waylon (Brianne) Goetzinger, Grinnell; granddaughter, Rieslynn Goetzinger, Grinnell; mother, Carol (Maynard) Miller, Atlantic; siblings, Tammi (Russ) Creer of Grinnell, Robin (Gail Peterson) of Shelby, Todd (Robin) Goetzinger of Audubon, Iowa, and Penni (Scott "Stanley") Goetzinger of Council Bluffs, Iowa; seven nephews, nine nieces and 11 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.